

Minutes of the Westmoreland Selectmen's Meeting
Thursday, September 15, 2016

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Russ Austin, Jack Zeller, Clayton Stalker

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:01pm by Chairman Austin.
2. Approval of Minutes: September 1, 2016. A motion was made by Russ Austin, second by Jack Zeller to accept the minutes as printed. Motion passed 3-0.
3. Guests/Public Business:

Elaine Moore was present to ask the Selectmen to consider speed bumps or more signage on the South Village Common Road. She has repeatedly seen people going the wrong way on the road and speeding excessively. There is a one-way sign that can be seen from Route 63, but not from those coming up the Glebe Road. Jack Zeller stated that speed bumps are hard on the highway equipment in the winter.

Elaine also added that on Tuesday nights when the Westmoreland Town Band is practicing in Fellowship Hall, that members are parking on both sides of the road, which makes it hard for cars to drive through and more importantly, an ambulance or fire truck would not be able to go on the road.

The Selectmen will look into improving the signage and will let band director, Carlson Barrett, know that parking should only be occurring on the curb (common) side of the road and not on the grass side. Russ pointed out that there is additional parking behind Fellowship Hall.
4. Accounts Payable: A motion was made by Jack Zeller, second by Clayton Stalker to approve a manifest of \$22,428.85 for the highway department and \$10,712.65 for all other bills for a total of \$33,141.50. Motion passed 3-0.
5. Old Business:
 - A. Feasibility Study for possible future use of town-owned property (780 Route 12): Information still needs to be obtained in order to prepare for the upcoming budget.
 - B. Selectmen will meet with Nancy Mayville from the NH Department of Transportation regarding the bridge aid process on Thursday, September 29 at 11am during their rescheduled meeting.
 - C. Wink Savard has begun work on fixing the loosening stones on the memorial on the common. Ernie Perham has requested an additional \$200 for Mr. Savard to be able to finish the stonework. The Selectmen approved the additional funds.
 - D. The work on the remaining ceilings and walls in the downstairs of the town hall is scheduled to begin on December 6th. The Town Administrator will have to work out of the dining room while the ceilings are being sand-blasted in the offices.

6. New Business:

Signature Approval was given for the following:

Intent to Cut Timber: R13-59, R16-1, R16-12

A. Assessing contract: Appraiser Steve Allen submitted a five-year contract beginning January 1, 2017 with no change in cost (\$1,500 per month) from his current contract. The Selectmen have been satisfied with Steve's work. Contracting with an established professional service provider to the town does not require the bid process. A motion was made by Russ Austin, second by Jack Zeller, to sign the contract to have Steve Allen be the town's appraiser for the next five years. Motion passed 3-0.

B. Auditing of town books: quotes will be obtained for budget purposes.

7. Correspondence:

A report from the NH Department of Revenue (DRA) was received regarding the monitoring of the 2015 cyclical revaluation. The DRA checks the work done by the town assessor and reports their findings to the Selectmen.

8. The Selectmen adjourned the meeting at 7:17pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Ann LaBarre
Town Administrator

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Russ Austin, Chairman

Jack Zeller

Clayton R. Stalker

NEXT MEETING – Thursday, September 29, 2016 11:00AM
MINUTES ARE INITIALLY POSTED AS UNAPPROVED
SIGNATURES BY SELECTMEN DENOTE APPROVAL OF
MINUTES